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the Governor's initiatives. So even though the Governor's initiatives are not necessarily in this proposal, there is an allowance on the line for those initiatives to be done. So there is you might call it a protected line, but the final decisions, from our viewpoint, have not have been made pending the Forecast Board, pending some additional requests that we probably need to fund since he proposed his budget. All I want to emphasize, this is a work in progress. It's a work in progress and so things are constantly coming in, going out, if you will. Forecast may change. We know we have some additional funds. We had a jump in the amount of state aid, required a \$5 million since the Governor did his budget, for example, and there is two or three other issues like that. So those are at this point in there but it's going to be very, very tight. At this point, I don't know how much more detail I should go into but this gives you a feel of where we're headed and tells you that the importance of February 27 is extremely critical. But I would say, regardless, we have...we're going to have to be in a very, very cautious mode going into the next 30 days. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein, for that. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill, LB 323 on Select File. No Enrollment and Review. Senator Stuthman would move to amend, AM2471. (Legislative Journal page 532.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuthman, to open on your amendment, AM2471.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Senator Hudkins, who is gone today, asked me to bring this amendment to add onto LB 1074; the number of the amendment is LB 1074. LB 1074 was placed on General File on February 2 by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. It came out of committee without any opposition. LB 1074 is a simple change of procedure involving county offices. Right now if a county...if a candidate wants to file for office, he either had to with either the election commissioner or the clerk, some of the smaller counties this is just one office put and combined